

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

/GB2004/002979

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G06F19/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 02/061659 A (GILL-GARRISON ROSALYNN DIANNE ; MARTIN CHRISTOPHER JOHN (GB); SCIONA L) 8 August 2002 (2002-08-08) abstract claims 1-12 paragraph '0027! paragraph '0080! paragraph '0083! ----- A US 5 985 559 A (BROWN STEPHEN J) 16 November 1999 (1999-11-16) the whole document ----- A US 5 920 871 A (CLARK REBECCA ET AL) 6 July 1999 (1999-07-06) the whole document ----- -/-	1-19



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

### Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- "&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

16 November 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

06/12/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2  
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk  
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,  
Fax (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Chabros, C

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

/GB2004/002979

## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5 550 021 A (BLUM KENNETH ET AL) 27 August 1996 (1996-08-27) the whole document -----	

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

Information on patent family members

International Application No

/GB2004/002979

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date		Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 02061659	A	08-08-2002	US CA EP WO JP	2003023387 A1 2435682 A1 1395938 A2 02061659 A2 2004525448 T	30-01-2003 08-08-2002 10-03-2004 08-08-2002 19-08-2004
US 5985559	A	16-11-1999	US US US US US US US US US US US US US US US US	5897493 A 2003069753 A1 2003229514 A2 2004019259 A1 6270455 B1 6248065 B1 6168563 B1 6368273 B1 6381577 B1 5997476 A 6101478 A	27-04-1999 10-04-2003 11-12-2003 29-01-2004 07-08-2001 19-06-2001 02-01-2001 09-04-2002 30-04-2002 07-12-1999 08-08-2000
US 5920871	A	06-07-1999	US AT AT AU AU CN DE DE DE DK DK EP EP ES JP JP US WO US US ES US	5258907 A 136121 T 252240 T 629908 B2 5093690 A 1047390 A 69026153 D1 69026153 T2 69034111 D1 69034111 T2 409956 T3 666477 T3 0409956 A1 0666477 A1 2084689 T3 2644373 B2 3505128 T 5324668 A 9008325 A1 5252489 A 5324667 A 2210266 T3 5316953 A	02-11-1993 15-04-1996 15-11-2003 15-10-1992 13-08-1990 28-11-1990 02-05-1996 19-09-1996 20-11-2003 29-07-2004 29-04-1996 23-02-2004 30-01-1991 09-08-1995 16-05-1996 25-08-1997 07-11-1991 28-06-1994 26-07-1990 12-10-1993 28-06-1994 01-07-2004 31-05-1994
US 5550021	A	27-08-1996	US US AT CA DE DE DK EP JP WO	5500343 A 5210016 A 139803 T 2074519 A1 69120526 D1 69120526 T2 514490 T3 0514490 A1 5508072 T 9112339 A2	19-03-1996 11-05-1993 15-07-1996 08-08-1991 01-08-1996 13-02-1997 04-11-1996 25-11-1992 18-11-1993 22-08-1991